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VIENNA FOR EWTC

1. EMBASSY ECON OFFICER SPOKE WITH URSZU, CHEMOKOMPLEX COMMERCIAL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCUREMENT OF HUNGARIAN PORTION OF ADRIATIC PIPELINE PROJECT. ACCORDING TO URSZU, DETAILED PLAN FOR HUNGARIAN PORTION OF ADRIATIC PIPELINE WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL OCTOBER. CHEMOKOMPLEX WILL BEGIN TO ACTIVELY LOOK FOR EQUIPMENT FOR PIPELINE PROJECT AROUND END OF THIS YEAR.

2. AS CONSTRUCTION OF HUNGARIAN PORTION OF PIPELINE WILL BE FAR LESS COMPLEX THAN THAT OF YUGOSLAV SECTION, WHICH IS TO TRAVERSE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN, NEED FOR WESTERN EQUIPMENT CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN IS CASE IN YUGOSLAVIA. HUNGARIANS PLAN TO PROCURE MAJORITY OF EQUIPMENT FOR PIPELINE DOMESTICALLY OR FROM OTHER CEMA COUNTRIES. PIPE FOR PROJECT WILL BE MANUFACTURED IN HUNGARY. ANTICIPATED PURCHASES FROM WEST WILL INCLUDE BALL VALVES, FITTINGS, INSULATING MATERIALS, MOBILE WELDING UNITS, AND MACHINES FOR JOINING PIPES. CHEMO-
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KOMPLEX WILL BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING BIDS FROM US

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COMPANIES FOR THESE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, AND WILL PROVIDE US WITH MORE DETAILS ON PRECISE REQUIREMENTS IN THREE OR FOUR MONTHS.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF HUNGARIAN PORTION OF PIPELINE WILL BE JOINT CZECH-HUNGARIAN EFFORT WITH CZECHS CARRYING OUT CERTAIN SPECIFIC PROJECTS SUCH AS BUILDING OF PUMPING STATIONS. ACCORDING TO CHEMOKOMPLEX, CZECH FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISE IN CHARGE OF PROCUREMENT FOR CZECH PORTION OF PIPELINE PROJECT WILL BE SIMEX AND PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR WILL BE HYDROSTATT.
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